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SUBJECT: W/W: HOWARD F. GOLDENBERG AND FAMILY

REF: (A) LONDON'S OM OF JUNE 24 ET AL (B) STATE 134700

1. GOLDENBERG APPEARED AT EMBASSY TODAY AGAIN SEEKING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN RETURNING TO THE US WITH HIS BRITISH WIFE AND THREE US CITIZEN CHILDREN.

2. WHILE HE EARNS TAKE-HOME PAY OF SOME 30 POUNDS (ABOUT \$70 PER WEEK) AND HIS WIFE RECEIVES 3 POUNDS (NOT 7 POUNDS AS REPORTED IN REF A) PER WEEK (ABOUT \$6.60) FROM BRITISH WELFARE, HE CLAIMS HE IS SEVERAL WEEKS IN ARREARS ON RENT (25 POUNDS PER WEEK) AND THREATENED WITH EVICTION. GOLDENBERG ALSO CLAIMS HE UNABLE TO FIND CHEAPER ACCOMMODATION FOR FAMILY AND FIVE IN AREA OF HIS EMPLOYMENT AND THAT HE IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR LOW-RENT COUNCIL FLAT.

2. ALTHOUGH IT WOULD APPEAR THAT GOLDENBERG SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE ENDS MEET WITH PROPER BUDGETING AND BELT-TIGHTENING ON HIS PART, HE IS DOUBTLESS NOT PREPARED TO DO SO AND LOOKS TO THE USG FOR A LOAN WHICH, HE STATES, HE IS CAPABLE OF REPAYING IN DUE COURSE. HE REFUSES TO BELIEVE USG UNABLE TO MAKE LOAN READILY AVAILABLE TO HIM AND HIS LETTER TO SENATOR SCOTT INDICATES HE PRESENTS RATHER HEART-RENDING CASE FOR HIMSELF.

3. AFTER INTERVIEW WITH CONOFF TODAY, GOLDENBERG GAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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HIS STORY TO LOCAL PRESS (CHECKED WITH EMBASSY AND NOT

USED) DESPITE FACT THAT CONOFF ASSURED HIM THAT EMBASSY WOULD CABLE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST THAT ACTION BE TAKEN TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE IN HIS CASE.

4. WHILE GOLDENBERG IS NOT REPEAT NOT CLEARLY ELIGIBLE UNDER 7 FAM 375.1-1 FOR REPATRIATION LOAN HE MAY WELL PROVE TO BE A CONTINUING SOURCE OF EMBARRASSMENT TO EMBASSY. DEPARTMENT MAY THEREFORE WISH TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF REPATRIATION LOAN.

5. IN REFTTEL (B) DEPARTMENT INDICATED HIS PARENTS WERE CONTACTED BUT WERE UNABLE TO ASSIST. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH TO CONTACT PAUL GOLDENBERG, HIS BROTHER, WHO, ACCORDING TO GOLDENBERG'S LETTER TO SENATOR SCOTT "IS WORKING FOR THE SOCIAL SERVICES IN PHILADELPHIA".

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